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Where the flight of fancy is managed with good judgment, the *self* is it is seen it is the more valuable. *Grew.*

SELDOMNESS. *n. f.* [from *sel*dom.] Uncommonness; infrequency; rareness; rarity. Little used.

Degrees of well-doing there could be none, except perhaps in the *self*domness and oftentimes of doing well. *Hesler.*

SELDSHOWN. *adj.* [*sel*d and *sh*own.] Seldom exhibited to view.

*Sel*shoren flames
Do press among the popular throngs. *Shake*sp. *Coriolanus.*
To SELECT. *v. a.* [*sel*ctu, Latin.] To chuse in preference to others rejected.

The footmen, *sel*ected out of all the provinces, were greatly diminished, being now scarce eight thousand strong. *Kn*oles.

The pious chief
A hundred youths from all his train *sel*ects. *Dryden.*
SELECT. *adj.* [from the verb.] Nicely chosen; choice; culled out on account of superiour excellence.

To the nuptial bow'r
I led her, blushing like the morn: all heav'n,
And happy constellations, on that hour
Shed their *sel*ect influence. *Milton's Parad. Lost.*

Select from vulgar herds, with garlands gay,
A hundred bulls ascend the sacred way. *Prior.*
SELECTION. *n. f.* [*sel*ectio, Latin.] The act of culling or chusing; choice.

While we single out several dishes, and reject others, the *sel*ection seems but arbitrary. *Brown's Vulgar Errors.*

SELECTION. *n. f.* [*sel*ectio, Latin.] The state of being *sel*ect.

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by a train of examples. It is to be observed, that its composition in *Shake*peare is often harsh.

Then held she her tongue, and cast down a *self* accusing look, finding that in her *self* she had shot out of the bow of her affection a more quick opening of her mind, than she minded to have done. *Sidney.*

Alas! while we are wrapt in foggy mist
Of our *self*-love, so passions do deceive,
We think they hurt when most they do assist. *Sidney.*

'Till Stephon's plaining voice him nearer drew,
Where by his words his *self*-like case he knew. *Sidney.*

Ah! where was first that cruel cunning found,
To frame of earth a vessel of the mind,
Where it should be to *self*-destruction bound? *Sidney.*

Before the door sat *self*-consuming care,
Day and night keeping wary watch and ward. *Fa. Queen.*

My strange and *self*-abuse,
Is the initiate fear that wants hard use. *Shake*sp. *Antony and Cleopatra.*

I have heard so much,
And with Demetrius thought 't have spoke thereof;
But being overfull of *self*-affairs,
My mind did lose it. *Shake*sp. *Midsummer Night's Dream.*

Nor know I aught
By me that's said or done amidst this night,
Unless *self*-charity be sometimes a vice,
And to defend ourselves it be a sin,
When violence affails us. *Shake*sp. *Othello.*

He walks, and that *self* chain about his neck,
Which he forswore. *Shake*sp. *Othello.*

It is in my power, in one *self*-born hour,
To plant and o'erwhelm custom. *Shake*sp. *Winter's Tale.*

His treasons will fit blushing in his face,
Not able to endure the sight of day,
But *self*-affrighted tremble at his sin. *Shak. Rich. II.*

The stars above us govern our conditions;
Else one *self*-mate and mate could not beget
Such different issues. *Shake*sp. *Titus Andronicus.*

I'm made of that *self*-metal as my sister,
And prize me at her worth. *Shak. King Lear.*

In my school-days, when I had lost one shaft,
I shot his fellow of the *self*-same flight
The *self*-same way, with more advised watch,
To find the other forth. *Shake*sp. *Titus Andronicus.*

He may do some good on her:
A peevish *self*-will'd harlotry it is. *Shak. Romeo and Juliet.*

But lest myself be guilty of *self*-wrong,
I'll stop mine ears against the mermaid's song. *Shake*sp. *Titus Andronicus.*

He conjunct and flatter'd his displeasure,
Tript me behind: being down, insulted, rail'd,
Got praises of the king, *Shake*sp. *Titus Andronicus.*

For him attempting who was *self*-subdu'd.
The Everlasting fixt *Shak. Hamlet.*

His canon 'gainst *self*-laughter.
Know if his last purpose hold,
Or whether since he is advis'd by aught
To change the course? He's full of alteration,
And *self*-reproving. *Shake*sp. *King Lear.*

More or less to others paying,
Than by *self*-offences weighing;
Shame to him whose cruel striking,
Kills for faults of his own liking! *Shake*sp. *Titus Andronicus.*

Bellona's bridegroom, lapt in proof,
Confronted him with *self*-caparisons,
Point against point rebellious, arm 'gainst arm,
Curbing his lavish spirit. *Shak. Macbeth.*

Self-love, my liege, is not so vile a sin
As *self*-neglecting. *Shake*sp. *Henry V.*

Anger is like
A full hot horse, who, being allow'd his way,
Self-mettle tires him. *Shake*sp. *Titus Andronicus.*

His lords desire him to have borne
His trust'd helmet and his bended sword
To fore him through the city; he forbids it,
Being free from vainness and *self*-glorious pride. *Shake*sp. *Titus Andronicus.*

You promis'd
To lay aside *self*-harming heaviness,
And entertain a cheerful disposition. *Shake*sp. *Rich. III.*

In their anger they flew a man, and in their *self*-will they
digged down a wall. *Gen. xlix. 6.*

The most ordinary cause of a single life is liberty, especially
in certain *self* pleasing and humorous minds, which are to be
sensible of every restraint as to think their girdles and garters to
be bonds and shackles. *Bacon.*

Hast thou set up nothing in competition with God; no
pride, pleasure, profit, *self*-love, or *self*-interest of thy own? *Dugdale.*

Up through the spacious palace passed she;
To where the king's proudly reposed head,
If any can be soft to tyranny,
And *self*-to-mementing sin, had a soft bed. *Cresspaw.*

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With a joyful willingness these *self*-loving reformers took
possession of all vacant preferments, and with reluctance others
parted with their beloved colleges and subsistence. *Warton.*

Repent the sin; but if the punishment
Thou can't avoid, *self*-preservation bids. *Milton.*

Him fast sleeping soon he found,
In labyrinth of many a round *self*-roll'd. *Milton.*

Oft times nothing profits more
Than *self*-effem, grounded on just and right,
Well manag'd. *Milton's Paradise Lost.*

Self-knowing, and from thence
Magnanimous, to correspond with heav'n. *Milton.*

So virtue giv'n for lost,
Depress'd and overthrown, as seem'd,
Like that *self*-begotten bird,
In th' Arabian woods embost,
That no second knows nor third,
And lay ere while a holocaust,
From out her airy womb now teem'd. *Milton's Agonist.*

He sorrows now, repents; and prays contrite,
My motions in him: longer than they move,
His heart I know how variable and vain,
Self-left. *Milton.*

Seneca approves this *self*-homicide.
Thyself from flatter'd *self*-conceit defend,
Nor what thou dost not know, to know pretend. *Denham.*

Man's that savage beast, whose mind,
From reason to *self*-love declin'd,
Delights to prey upon his kind. *Denham.*

Farewell, my tears;
And my just anger be no more confin'd
To vain complaints, or *self*-devouring silence. *Denham.*

They are yet more mad to think that men may go to rest
by death, though they die in *self*-murder, the greatest sin.
Gravina's Bill of Mortality.

Are not these strange *self*-delusions, and yet attested by
common experience? *South's Sermons.*

If the image of God is only sovereignty, certainly we have
been hitherto much mistaken, and hereafter are to beware of
making ourselves unlike God, by too much *self*-denial and
humility. *South's Sermons.*

If a man would have a devout, humble, sin-aborning, *self*-
denying frame of spirit, he cannot take a more efficacious
course to attain it than by praying himself into it. *South.*

Let a man apply himself to the difficult work of *self*-exa-
mination by a strict scrutiny into the whole estate of his
soul. *South's Sermons.*

A fatal *self*-impotence, such as defeats the design, and de-
troys the force of all religion. *South's Sermons.*

When he intends to bereave the world of an illustrious
person, he may cast him upon a bold *self*-opinioned physician,
worse than his distemper, who shall make a shift to cure him
into his grave. *South's Sermons.*

Neglect of friends can never be proved rational, till we
prove the person using it omnipotent and *self*-sufficient, and
such as can never need any mortal assistance. *South.*

By all human laws, as well as divine, *self*-murder has ever
been agreed on as the greatest crime. *Temple.*

A *self*-conceited pop will swallow any thing. *L'Estrange.*

From Atreus though your ancient lineage came;
Yet my *self*-conscious worth, your high renown,
Your virtue, through the neighb'ring nations blown. *Dryd.*

He has given you all the commendation which his *self*-
sufficiency could afford to any. *Dryden.*

Below yon sphere
There hangs the ball of earth and water mixt,
Self-center'd and unmov'd. *Dryden's State of Innocence.*

All these receive their birth from other things,
But from himself the phoenix only springs;
Self-born, begotten by the parent flame
In which he burn'd, another and the same. *Dryden.*

The burning fire that shone so bright,
Flew off all sudden with extinguish'd light,
And left one altar dark, a little space;
Which turn'd *self*-kindled, and renew'd the blaze. *Dryden.*

Thou first, O king! release the rights of sway;
Pov't, *self*-restrain'd, the people best obey. *D*